

Expert on Soviets convinced Oswald was agent for Reds

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Edward Ellis Smith, former Army, State Department and Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) security-intelligence officer, believes accused assassin Lee Harvey Oswald was a trained Soviet agent, although not acting on orders when he shot President John F. Kennedy.

In the second of a series of exclusive articles in today's Times, Smith probes Oswald's unusual visit to Russia, and concludes Oswald underwent training after lengthy interrogation.

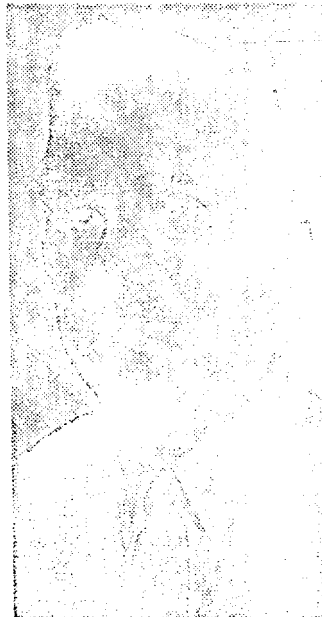
Smith, 42, of 1849 Webster St., Palo Alto, was graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of West Virginia in 1939 with a degree in political science. In World War II, he was decorated three times with the bronze star for valor in combat.

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In 1950, Smith returned home and was placed on detached service with an intelligence unit in the Pentagon. In 1953, as a major, he resigned from the Army, and joined the State Department as a foreign service staff officer. In 1954, he went back to Moscow as the State Department's first full-time security officer at the American Embassy.

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